

STICKFORD NEWSLETTER

Village News and Diary Dates

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On **Sunday 14th November at 10.45 am** an act of remembrance will be held at the War Memorial to remember the people from this area who gave their lives in the two World Wars

Everyone welcome

STICKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to those residents who attended the Queens Platinum Jubilee Meeting on the 12th October.

It was agreed to hold an event on **Saturday 4th June**. We have a few ideas and are looking at holding fancy dress, best dressed house, games, bouncy castle and music. We hope to have straw bales down the road and ask people to bring a picnic to join in the fun.

There will also be a history exhibition in the Community Centre of previous celebrations held in the village.

We will be holding a raffle to raise some funds.

Another meeting has been arranged for **Tuesday 9th November, 7.30pm** in the Community Centre.

Please come along, the more the merrier.

Lesley Reeson

Chairman

ST HELEN'S CHURCH

The church is open daily from 10am to 4pm for use of the bookshop or quiet prayer and contemplation.

First of all a massive thank you to everyone who helped us with our events in September:-

Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Festival - Thank you to Jude, Barbara P, Sarah, Della, Lou, Alison, Julie. There was a steady flow of people visiting the church to look at the building and architecture. The ladies serving the refreshments were commended by the visitors on their friendliness and the cakes were very popular.

Heritage Weekend and Craft Fair - Thank you to Julia and Paul, Karen and Michael, Lou and Dorian, Amy and Katherine, Barbara P, Julie, Trevor and Louise, Jude, Sarah, Della, Alison, Joy, Ann, Pam, Ken.

The Craft Fair was busy with many people coming and all the stallholders saying how much they enjoyed the day. There were 12 stalls altogether as well as a raffle and tombola and lovely home-made cakes for refreshments.

Harvest Supper and Auction - Thank you to Robert for donating the potatoes for cooking and auctioning, Steve, Sharon, Lou and Teresa for peeling and cooking potatoes, Lesley, Jude, Lisa for serving the food from the kitchen and to our younger helpers who took the plated meals out, Erin, Alysha, Ella, Ellie and Bethany.

Nearly 50 people came to the Harvest Supper and we had plenty of produce to auction. Just over £400 was raised from the evening which will go towards replacing the louvre windows in the church tower.

Throughout all these events everyone has commented on how friendly it is in the church and the warm welcome they received was much appreciated.

If any of you would like to get more involved and volunteer to help out at future events, please get in touch - cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01205 480477.

Reminder - the bins at the Green Barn on Back Lane are for paper and cardboard only. Domestic waste has been left in them and very recently some cushions have been put behind them which will have to be disposed of by someone other than the person who left them. If these bins are not used correctly, they will be removed.

STICKFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning held in September which raised £182. This will go to the local Macmillan nurses who will use it to buy new items for their base at Louth hospital where equipment used by cancer patients in their own homes is stored.

Coffee Mornings

on the last Friday of every month
in the Community Centre from 10.30am to 12 noon
Coffee/tea and cake only £1.
Everyone is made very welcome, so please come along,
Support your Community Centre and meet the villagers.

STICKFORD CHARITIES

Stickford Educational Charity makes book and equipment grants to further and higher education students normally resident in the parish, and to others for educational expenses, on production of proof of expenditure. **The Trustees would welcome applications for educational grants.**

Stickford Relief in Need Charity exists to provide financial help for those in need living in the parish of Stickford, as well as providing school clothing vouchers, birth grants and cash payments to pensioners and others in need at Christmas. The Trustees welcome applications from any resident for assistance with, for example, repair bills, funeral expenses, aids for disabled people etc.

The Charity also once again provides a bus service twice a month - to Boston on the second Wednesday and Horncastle on the fourth Thursday of the month, for those without access to their own transport and those who can show a genuine need to use the service, even if they have their own transport as well. If you would be interested in using the revived bus service on this basis, please contact any of the Trustees:

Pam Bryant, Beauport, Cul de Sac, Stickford 01205 480410

Dave Bursnell, Mik-I, Cul de Sac, Stickford 01205 480053

Wendy Morley, Church View, Church Road, Stickford 01205 480474

Helen Edwards, Magers Farm, Back Lane, Stickford 01790 763267

Rev Fran Jeffries, The Rectory, Horbling Lane, Stickney 01205 481183

The Charity makes cash grants at Christmas to pensioners, single parents, disabled people and anyone else living in the parish who is in financial need. If you have not received a payment in the past and believe you would be eligible to receive one, please write with details to any of the Trustees or to the Clerk before our next meeting.

Applications for any assistance should be made in writing to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Katherine Bunting at The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Stickford, Boston, PE22 8EP or by email to katherine.bunting@chattertons.com.

The next meeting of the Trustees is on Tuesday 16 November 2021.

EVERGREENS MINIATURE RAILWAY

Our last two open days for the 2021 season are a Halloween Special on Saturday 30th October and our Santa Special on December 4th.

Some spooky goings on for the Halloween run, and for the Santa Special, each child will receive a small gift from Santa, and grown-ups get a free hot drink :-)

Both events should be really good fun and well worth attending, with steam and electric locos running.

Anyone who has an interest in railways or trains, no matter what age, please pop along and see us. Entrance to the site is only £3 per person or £10 for a family of four, then its free train rides all day.

First train is around 10:30 and we keep running, come rain or shine, till about 4pm.

We're just along Keal Bank, off Fen Road, opposite The Coach House pub - Post code PE23 4AE

Even if you're not a great rail fan, but just fancy a pleasant couple of hours, then come along for a very reasonably priced tea or coffee and watch the trains running. We're also serving hot & cold snacks and ice creams too.

We're always on the lookout for volunteer helpers too. Anyone who would like to come along and see what goes on then please feel free to contact us on our Facebook page :-

facebook.com/evergreensminiaturerailway or contact me directly at kevinbennett126@hotmail.co.uk and we can arrange a look around the site and find out more about what we do. And of course please have a

look at our Facebook page - **Evergreensminiaturerailway**

or our website **www.evergreensminiaturerailway.org** for more info.

Kevin Bennett

STICKFORD AND DISTRICT W I

NOVEMBER

The meeting this month is at 1:30pm on Monday 8 November in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford. Garry & Cheryl Steele will be talking about their journey to France in 2015 to locate the graves & memorials of the men of Stickford who fought in the First World War. They will also give an insight into the history of the war memorial in Stickford.

Our usual tea and cakes will be served whilst everyone has a chance to chat! Visitors welcome £2.

The local WI ladies are holding
A CHRISTMAS FAYRE
 Saturday, 20th November
 11am – 3pm in Stickney Village Hall
 Over 20 stalls incl. festive sweets, jewellery, wreaths, candles,
 beads & baubles, engraving and many more
 AND manicure while you wait
 Refreshments incl. WI Ladies famous cakes

DECEMBER

This month we will be having a 'fun' Christmas quiz following the usual WI meeting which is at 1:30pm on Monday 13 December.

Our usual tea and cakes will be served whilst everyone has a chance to chat! Visitors welcome £2.

JANUARY

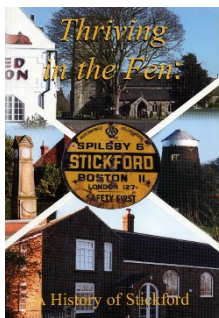
This month our meeting will be on Monday 10 January at 12:30 when we will be having our usual New Year lunch. This will be followed by our usual meeting and then a game of 'Who Am I'. This will be for members only – sorry!

STICKFORD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

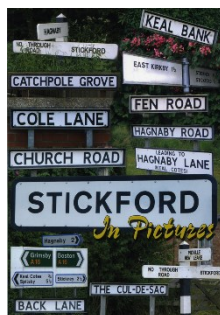
Stickford Local History Group is holding regular monthly meetings again at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of every month in Stickford Community Centre. We have a variety of speakers on a range of different subjects, mostly connected with Lincolnshire.

We welcome new members or visitors to our friendly evenings when we have time to chat and get to know each other.

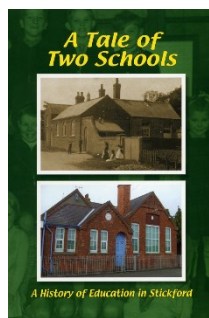
The group has produced four books about Stickford obtainable from Jill Catchpole 01205 480249



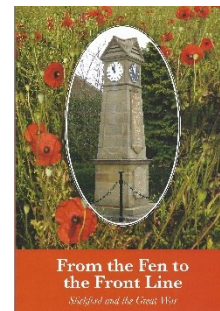
*Thriving in the Fen
 General history of
 Stickford*



*Stickford in
 Pictures*



*History of
 Schools*



*Stickford and
 the Great War*

Mobile Library Service

The mobile library calls in the village every four weeks on the following dates:-

Thursday 25th November

Thursday 23rd December

Thursday 20th January

It stops at Hagnaby Road from **10.15am to 11.00am**

To order books call the customer service centre 01522 782010 or online. Stickford is on **route 4 (C & P East)** – you will need to know this when placing an order.

November

Monday 8th November **WI** - “In Search of Stickford Soldiers”. An illustrated talk by Garry and Cheryl Steele.

1.30pm Stickford Community Centre. Visitors Welcome (£2)

Tuesday 9th November **Keals Club** - **A Christmas Quiz**, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.
2pm Stickford Community Centre.



CRAFT

Stickford Community Centre



Saturday 4th November
FAIR
11am until 3pm

Variety of Stalls - Advent calendars, knitted items, jewellery, bags, pottery, beaded items, children's craft boxes, engraved items and more.

Raffle, Tombola

Refreshments

An opportunity to buy Christmas presents!

Everyone welcome

Proceeds to St Helen's Church, Stickford

If you can help with the tombola, serving refreshments, or making cakes for the Craft Fair, please ring 01205 480477 or email cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk

Sunday 14th November **Service at Stickford War Memorial** followed by short service in church.
Tea, coffee & biscuits served after the service.
10.45 am at Stickford War Memorial

- Monday 15th November **Prize Bingo**
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
- Thursday 18th November **Stickford Local History Group** “Stickford Church from a different perspective” - a talk by Garry Steele
New members and visitors welcome.
Visitors £2.50, members £1
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
- Monday 22nd November **Prize Bingo**
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

COFFEE MORNING



Friday 26th November
10.30 am - 12 noon

Stickford Community Centre
Coffee/Tea + Cake £1
Proceeds to Stickford Community Centre

- Sunday 28th November **Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits**
11.15 am St Helen’s Church, Stickford
- Monday 29th November **Prize Bingo**
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

December

- Tuesday 7th December **Keals Club** Christmas Dinner at Poppy’s, Skegness.
- Sunday 12th December **Morning Worship** followed by tea, coffee and biscuits
11.15am St Helen’s Church, Stickford
- Monday 13th December **WI - Fun Christmas Quiz** followed by tea, cakes and chat.
1.30pm Stickford Community Centre
Visitors welcome (£2)
- Monday 13th December **Christmas Prize Bingo**
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
- Tuesday 14th December **Parish Council meeting**
Public open forum for 15 minutes at start of meeting
7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre

Thursday 16th December

Stickford Local History Group - Tattershall and Coningsby Ukelele group will be entertaining us with festive songs and a singalong. Everyone welcome
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
£1 members £2.50 non-members



FAMILY CAROL SERVICE
St Helen's Church, Stickford
Saturday 18th December at 3pm

This will be followed by the traditional village party and barbecue with live band "Itchy Fingers"

Mulled wine, tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be served.

This is a free party and barbecue for the village. All you will need money for is the tombola.

Monday 20th December

Christmas Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

January

Sunday 9th January

Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

Monday 10th January

WI - New Year lunch for members only

Tuesday 11th January

Keals Club – "Joseph Banks and Lincolnshire", a talk with slides by Ken Richard

2pm Stickford Community Centre

Visitors welcome (£1)

Monday 17th January

Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Thursday 20th January

Stickford Local History Group. Firsby Fudge will be giving a demonstration on fudge making and telling their story of how the firm was established. Fudge tasting and sales.

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

£1 members £2.50 non-members

Sunday 23rd January

Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am St Helen's Church, Stickford

Monday 24th January

Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Friday 28th January

Coffee Morning 10.30am to 12 noon

Stickford Community Centre

**St Helen's Church Bookshop
Open daily from 10am to 4pm.**

The church bookshop now has a good selection of books
for you to choose from.

Please come along and take a look.

Thank you for your support
If you return the books please place them
on the shelf provided

St Helen's Picture Framing

Church Rd, Stickford PE22 8EP

Next door to the church



Tel 07790-774440

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